

Street crews blame conditions, boss

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Morale among workers at the street department is not at an all-time high. About 20 workers gathered in the street department lunchroom after work Friday to discuss a previous Press-Record article that had reported large amounts of lost time by street department employees due to on-the-job injuries, sick leave and unauthorized absence.

It was a free-for-all discussion filled with disagreement, but there was general agreement about one thing — the workers are catching a lot of flack as the result of the article and a subsequent editorial. Many reported that motorists driving by work sites called them "lazy," "slackers," or worse.

The workers said the majority of employees

'You may have never voted in your life. But as soon as you come through the gates for your first day of work you have to start playing politics.'

Mark Reynolds

didn't miss anywhere near the 23-day average reported for 1987. They said they take pride in doing quality work and are doing a good job with what they have.

Mark Reynolds, Chuck Lewis, Albert Valencia and number of the most vocal employees placed the blame for the lost time directly on poor management and political play by Street Superintendent Mac Warfield.

"The streets are a joke," Reynolds said. "Do you think we like being laughed at? But we can't

do anything without a plan. Figure out who is supposed to be in charge and figure out who should be blamed."

Warfield has said previously that he can only do what he is authorized to do by the City Council. He blames political fighting among aldermen and the mayor for many of his department's problems.

Crew members Reynolds, Valencia and Lewis, however, said Warfield assigns jobs and overtime based on who is in favor and not on seniority. He doesn't, they said, take experience into account,

but instead assigns leadership positions to his favorites.

Dave Nordstrom and Danny Warfield (the superintendent's brother) were just as vocal in blaming a few of the employees for making all of them look bad.

Nordstrom said employees can't continue going out of their way to make the boss look bad. The majority of those interviewed fell somewhere between the extremes. Lloyd Cann, who put together the Friday lunchroom discussion, said that with more than 300 years experience between its street employees, the city has plenty of talent to do the job right.

One reason the amount of lost time is so great, the employees said, is because Mac Warfield will not allow anyone to return to work on limited or light duty.

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Residents rock over road work

By Andy Sloring
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Forty-one residents who live on or near Rock Road in West Granite have signed a petition complaining that the methods being used to repair their road are causing them "inconvenience and hardship."

Rock Road is being improved and widened from West 20th Street to Illinois Route 3. Barricades have been placed on Rock Road from Denver Street to Division Street and at the entrances to the streets that lead to Rock Road. The project is scheduled for completion by June 1990.

Through traffic can get around the barricades on Rock Road but not around the barricades blocking the side streets. This forces residents of the side streets to drive a block or two out of their way.

"They ought to work it a little bit at a time," said Josephine McFarland, who resides at the corner of Rock Road and West 22nd Street.

There is a barricade on Rock Road adjacent to McFarland's home. Vehicles driving around it come up on the sidewalk and narrowly miss her fence.

"I saw a couple of kids almost get hit there," she said. T.J. Moylan, son of the proprietors of Green's Confectionery on Rock Road, said the barricades had been hurting the store's business by keeping customers away.

Many drivers are ignoring the barricades on the side streets. They get out and move them, residents say.

Capt. Don Hayes of Firehouse 2 said the barriers were causing delays in response time. John Kusior, a city engineer, was supervising the laying of sewer conduit Friday morning.

Kusior said he no sooner would replace a barricade than someone would move it a few minutes later.

Kusior said plans originally called for doing the work in smaller segments, but the city changed its mind in order to attract a cheaper bid. C.D. Peters Construction Co. is the primary contractor.

Brett Hanke, who was appointed city public works director about one month ago, said he didn't know about initial plans. He said informational hearings had been held to get comments about the various phases of construction and advise residents of the inconvenience the work would cause.

"But I'm sure most of the residents didn't attend," Hanke said.

Hanke said steps were being taken to improve the situation since the city received the petition last week. He said that after sewers are laid, the city will fill the holes with crushed rock right away to make sure residents can get into their driveways.

In the petition, circulated by Alderman Lloyd Bailey who lives in the area, residents complained about the length of time they would be inconvenienced. But Hanke said the barricades would be taken down during the construction delay in the winter.

Hanke said he had sent out a letter explaining some of this to the residents. "That seems to have quieted them down considerably," he said.

Kusior said the police would probably be asked to issue citations in order to get people to stop moving barricades on the side streets.

A popular route between Illinois and the downtown area, Rock Road will lose its infamous series of stop signs as a result of the renovation.



'INCONVENIENT' PROGRESS is made on the Rock Road improvement project Friday. Workers install sewer conduit at the intersection of Cayuga Street and Rock Road. Residents are upset over the inconvenience caused by barricades in the area. (Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

'Street fight' still on

By Andy Sloring
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A fight over who can use a street adjoining a recently annexed part of Granite City has been moved to an Edwardsville courtroom.

In his Granite City courtroom Thursday, Circuit Judge Paul Riley continued a temporary restraining order in a lawsuit brought by residents of Cote Brillante against Gordon, Gell, proprietor of Gell's RV Sales.

The one-block street connects St. Thomas Road with a 17-acre field onto which Gell moved his business in mid-August following its annexation by Granite City. The street is the only access to Gell's business, located west of Illinois Route 3 and north of Interstate 270.

A group of residents of Cote Brillante and their attorney, Mark Spengler, contend it is a private street. It lies in Chouteau Township, but was never formally accepted as part of either the township or Madison County road systems.

Gell and his attorney, Irv Slate, contend it is a public road. The restraining order prohibits Gell from bringing heavy equipment down the street, and it prohibits residents from the street from interfering with use of the street by Gell, his employees or his customers.

The restraining order remains in effect until the court rules otherwise.

Riley also included as defendants Madison County and Chouteau Township. Residents had sued the township separately, but Riley combined that suit

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Ballot order decided

By Meg Yee
Staff writer

QUAD CITIES — Lotteries were held Tuesday to determine the order of candidates' names on the November school board election ballots.

In Granite City, at least one of the four seats open this year must be filled by a candidate from an unincorporated area.

In the incorporated area section, John Essie's name will appear first on the ballot, followed by L. Monroe Worthen, Jeffrey L. Parker, E.

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Local police critical of drug plan

By Andy Sloring
Staff writer

QUAD CITIES — Local police chiefs are reacting negatively to President George Bush's anti-drug plan.

They criticized the \$7.9 billion plan for containing no specific mention of help for local departments' drug-fighting efforts.

Chief Don Knight of Granite City said, "There was nothing (for local agencies). I think we

need manpower. We're out fighting drugs on the local level. Bush just talked about federal agencies."

Chief Farris Smith of Venice raised the prospect of drug pushers setting up business in small municipalities where they are less likely to be arrested.

"A small department like us doesn't have any money. If they don't funnel some money down to us, the pushers will go to

smaller cities where they're less likely to get caught."

Bush announced the plan in a televised speech Tuesday. Almost immediately it drew the wrath of many Democrats who said it was not enough to truly fight the drug problem.

Madison Chief Charlie Bridick, Pontoon Beach Chief Chet Ballew and Sheriff Bob Churchich could not be reached for comment.

Madison increases car license fee

MADISON — City motor vehicle licenses will cost \$4 more under terms of an ordinance enacted Sept. 5 by the City Council.

Licenses for vehicles weighing under 10,000 pounds will cost \$5 — up from \$1 — if applied for before Feb. 1 of each license year or within 30 days of purchase of a vehicle. After Feb. 1, the fee will be \$5. Only one such reduced-fee license will be issued to an individual senior

citizen in a given year, regardless of how many cars the person owns.

For vehicles over 10,000 pounds, the fee will be \$5.

Violators can be fined \$25 to \$500 for each violation. Every day a vehicle is without a city sticker will be considered a separate violation.

Goldie's raided

Clothes come off, cops come in, 6 women arrested

GRANITE CITY — Two nude and four topless women dancers were arrested at 12:55 a.m. Friday while they were performing on a stage at Goldie's Tavern, 1800 State St., police officials said.

Police Chief Don Knight said those charged with lewd entertainment were:

- Vickie Lee Miles, 28, of the 2400 block of Adams Street.
- Edessa Faye Hucklebee, 21, of Hope, Ark.
- Paula JoAnn Parker, 21, of the 1400 block of Madison Avenue.

• Ann M. Owens, 21, of Glen Carbon.

• Penny Lee Stoumb, 25, of the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue; and

• Tracey L. Suter, 24, of the 2400 block of Missouri Avenue. Tavern owner Ronald E. Goforth, 42, of the 2300 block of East 23rd Street, was charged with allowing lewd entertainment.

Patrons were told to leave and the tavern was closed at

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Cholesterol screening set

Cholesterol screening will be available at National Supermarket from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 3100 Madison Ave., Granite City. A simple fingerstick blood test is done and fasting is not required. Test results are available in three minutes. The cost will be \$7. For more information call (314)351-4340.

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Man who wants to help police allegedly tries to get gasoline

GRANITE CITY — A man who said he wanted to help police officers enforce the law was arrested after he allegedly tried to charge \$17.57 to the Granite City Police Department for gasoline and oil at the Amoco Gas and Oil Service Station, 1865 Madison Ave., at 2:10 a.m. Thursday.

Thomas Alan Parrill, 27, of the 1400 block of Fourth Street, Madison, was arrested at the service station, where he allegedly attempted to charge \$15.44 for gas and \$2.13 for oil to the police department.

He was charged with theft and unlawful use of a weapon.

According to an Amoco employee, Parrill allegedly wanted to charge \$17.57 to the department and said a veterans' association had told him to

charge whatever he wanted to the Granite City Police Department.

Parrill told officers he'd purchased the gas and oil with the authority of the veterans' group, but couldn't give the name of the person giving him that authority, a report said.

A 22 caliber Marlin-Glenfield rifle was on the front seat of Parrill's auto, it was contended. The weapon was loaded with five live rounds.

Also in the vehicle were several rounds of 22 caliber ammunition and 12 and 16 gauge shells, plus some Army surplus and survival items, including "C" food rations. A dog on a leash also was in the car.

"I'm just enforcing the law like you guys," Parrill allegedly said to officers.

Court ruling won't hamper sobriety checks, police say

By Matt Hall
Staff writer

ST. LOUIS — Police will be able to continue using sobriety checkpoints to discourage drunken driving despite a Missouri appeals court ruling forbidding police roadblocks to check for drug possession, police said.

"We conduct our checkpoints under a controlled situation," said Jennings Police Lt. Col. Robert Orr. "It's not just going out and test every car for a bad miler, drugs or weapons."

Lt. Denny Taff of the St. Louis Police traffic division said city police focus on areas where there have been alcohol-related accidents, "That's our probable cause (for conducting the check)," Taff said.

Use of police roadblocks to check motorists for possessing illegal drugs violates state and federal protections against unreasonable searches and seizures, a Missouri appeals court panel has ruled.

The appeals court this week faulted the justification for the roadblock as well as the manner in which it was conducted in March by two Fredericktown, Mo., police officers on a dark stretch of highway with a 55 mph speed limit.

All three Missouri appeals court districts have upheld the legality of sobriety checkpoints.

The courts "have upheld roadblocks or checkpoints to locate intoxicated drivers where careful planning exists and the police have taken pains to assure that the intrusion on drivers' rights and safety is minimal," wrote appeals Judge Gerald

M. Smith in an opinion released Aug. 29. "We are not prepared to relax the standards established in those cases."

Missouri judges have recognized the public danger of intoxicated drivers and the need to help checking operator licenses, checking the physical condition of vehicles or to search for drugs," Smith wrote. "These may be by-products of a sobriety checkpoint but they have not been approved as a reason for establishing such checkpoints."

Judges Albert J. Stephens Jr. and Harold L. Satz concurred in the opinion stemming from a case in which the Fredericktown police arrested a motorist and her passenger for possession of marijuana.

Jonna B. Canton and Gerald M. Keer, students at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, were on their way to a float trip about 8 p.m. March 10 when they were stopped at a roadblock established by the two officers. The officers said they found a pipe to smoke marijuana and a "marijuana bud" in the ashtray of the car.

Madison County (Mo.) Circuit Court judges ruled that the police couldn't use the evidence against the students because it was obtained through an illegal search and seizure.

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911 phone fee now in effect

By Terry Hillig
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County residents have started paying 65 cents a month for installation of a 911 emergency telephone service.

County voters approved the fee in April. It will pay for development of a system designed to make it easier and faster to contact appropriate agencies in emergencies.

When the system is working in about two years, callers anywhere in the county will be able to reach ambulance, fire or law enforcement agencies by dialing 911.

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Mother charged for poisoning baby

By Bob Davidson
Staff writer

JEFFERSON COUNTY — A 24-year-old Hillsboro woman was being held on \$15,000 bond Tuesday evening, on charges that she intentionally poisoned her 5-month-old son in July, authorities said. Those charges may be upgraded following the infant's death Thursday.

Patricia L. Stallings, a resident of South Lake Drive in Hillsboro, has been accused of mixing antifreeze into Ryan Stallings' formula on July 8, authorities said.

The infant died Thursday evening in the intensive care ward of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, after being readmitted to the hospital Monday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The child apparently became ill and began experiencing nausea and tremors Friday evening, after a supervised visit with his mother on Thursday, said Capt. H. Wally Gansmann, chief of the detective bureau of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Gansmann said the state Division of Family Services (DFS) took custody of the child six weeks ago, after the child was allegedly poisoned in July.

DFS director Beverly Long declined comment on the case Tuesday, citing confidentiality.

Gansmann said the baby suffered convulsions after the alleged July poisoning and was taken to Cardinal Glennon by his parents. The child remained hos-

pitalized for "a couple of weeks," the captain said.

In the July incident, tests showed the baby had been fed ethylene glycol, an ingredient found in antifreeze, the captain said.

A doctor at Cardinal Glennon who tested Ryan Stallings did not return telephone calls Tuesday.

After the alleged poisoning, Gansmann said, the detective bureau seized several baby bottles from the Stallings' home, as well as a half-empty jug of antifreeze found in the basement. The items were sent to the county crime laboratory for analysis.

After his release from Cardinal Glennon, Ryan Stallings came under DFS custody, the captain said. The parents were allowed a two-hour controlled visitation period each Thursday, detectives said.

Gansmann said it was after last week's visit at the DFS building in Hillsboro that the baby became ill a second time. He said detectives were investigating whether a DFS representative remained in the room during the entire visit, as is required for a controlled-visit environment.

On Friday evening, Gansmann said, a DFS caseworker stopped by the Barnhart home of the baby's foster parents and noted that the infant was experiencing some nausea and tremors. When

the symptoms appeared more serious on Monday the child was taken to Cardinal Glennon.

Gansmann said effects of ethylene glycol can be seen 24 to 48 hours after ingestion.

Prosecuting Attorney William L. Johnson, who filed the original charge of first-degree assault on Aug. 29, said his office was awaiting the outcome of Gansmann's investigation into last week's possible incident. He said additional charges were possible.

First-degree assault is punishable by a minimum of 10 years in state prison.

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Burglar takes revolver

A burglar stole a Smith and Wesson revolver from the home of Debra D. Dunn in the 2100 block of St. Clair Avenue, authorities were told Sept. 2.

Man enters home, flees

An unidentified man invaded the residence of Wayne A. and Patricia Womack in the 1300 block of Edwardsville Road, they reported to police at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Patricia Womack said she awakened to see a man alongside the bed, leaning over her. She woke her husband, Wayne. He yelled "What are you doing?" at the intruder, who fled from the home through the front door.

The suspect was in his late 20s, with dark hair. He was about 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 250 pounds and was wearing gray shorts.

The same man was seen running from an alley nearby, police were advised, and then was seen again by two men at 12th and Meridian streets as he ran into Triangle Park.

Tent worth \$200 stolen

A dome-style tent valued at \$200 was stolen from the rear yard at the home of Carl Hozian in the 3900 block of Buxton Avenue, he reported Wednesday.

Warrants, charges filed

A chase in the vicinity of Victory Drive and Myrtle Avenue resulted in the capture and arrest at Kirkpatrick Homes of Thomas J. Dickey, 23, of the 2200 block of Woodlawn Avenue.

Police Sgt. Carl Walkenbach was checking three occupants of a car parked in the 2700 block of Marshall Avenue at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday when he first saw Dickey walking south on Marshall.

Dickey was stopped on Victory Drive at Myrtle Avenue by Sgt. Tim Lyleria and Patrolman T. Paul, who advised Dickey there were two warrants on file for his arrest.

At that point, Dickey allegedly broke away from the officers and fled on foot, going west on Victory Drive pursued by Walkenbach and Paul.

The suspect eluded the officers

on Palmer Avenue but was later seen by Lyleria crossing Nameoki Road near Kirkpatrick Homes.

Lt. David Ruebhausen saw Dickey hiding at a bush in the 2400 block of Kirkpatrick but the suspect ran and was caught by Ruebhausen and Walkenbach in the 2200 block of the housing complex.

Police said Dickey refused to walk to a squad car and had to be carried. He was booked for battery, escape and resisting arrest and also was served warrants alleging failure to appear on charges of battery and criminal trespass.

Dickey pleaded innocent in an appearance in the Granite City Court Wednesday and his bond was set at \$5,000. A document was signed by the judge transferring Dickey to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

Wallet with \$250 stolen

A wallet containing \$250 was stolen from the glove box of his parked van, Edward Dettwiler of Sunflower Court reported Sept. 1. The vehicle was in the 2100 block of Illinois Avenue.

Another wallet, belonging to a Cahokia resident, was taken from a pickup truck parked in the same area. That wallet was recovered near the scene.

Crash injures 2 women

Kristina L. Smith, 19, of the 8600 block of Pontoon Road suffered an injury Sept. 1 when she drove a pickup truck from a driveway in the 1500 block of St. Clair Avenue and it struck a utility pole at the corner of Marshall Avenue.

Smith was taken to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Bobbi G. White, 19, of the 4100 block of East Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, a passenger in the truck, also sustained an injury but declined medical attention.

Auto looted of wheels

Two mag wheels and two tires valued at \$400 were stolen from the front of a 1978 Pontiac belonging to Sam Snyder of the 2500 block of Warren Avenue while the vehicle was parked at American Auto Sales, 3002 Nameoki Road, it was reported Tuesday. The two rear tires and wheels were stolen the previous day.

Irish Setter missing

A red Irish Setter dog valued at \$400 was stolen from the home of Doug E. Varner in the 2900 block of Fortune Drive, Varner reported Tuesday. A female sheltie bulldog named "Bailey," the 3-year-old female dog, was kept in the rear yard.

Revocations

Quad City area residents whose driver's licenses have been revoked by Secretary of State Jim Edgar's office for conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol include:

Everett D. Hughes, 30, of the 4700 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, arrested July 16, convicted Aug. 21.

Sally Marie Moneymaker, 30, of the 2800 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, arrested March 4, convicted April 14.

We're Sorry!

In this week's Home State circular, we advertised electric poppout trimmers for 7.99 on page 2. Due to delivery delays, the trimmers will not be available this week. As a convenience to our customers, rain checks will be issued.

On page 3, we advertised Faberware microwave drip coffeemakers for 29.99. Due to the manufacturer's inability to ship, the merchandise will not be available for 45 days. As a convenience to our customers, rain checks will be issued.

On page 11, we advertised Huffy 20" men's and ladies' 12-speed Stalker ATB bikes for \$119.99 and 10-speed Severnham bikes for \$99.99. Due to the manufacturer's inability to ship, the bikes will not be available. As a convenience to our customers, we will issue rain checks.

On page 14, we advertised percale sheet sets and shams. Due to the manufacturer's inability to ship, the percale pattern will not be available. As a convenience to our customers, we will issue rain checks.

On page 16, we advertised sweater knit dresses, embroidered, created and multi-button styles for \$11.99. However, the styles that will be available are the popular mock and crew neck styles in solids and stripes as featured in the photo.

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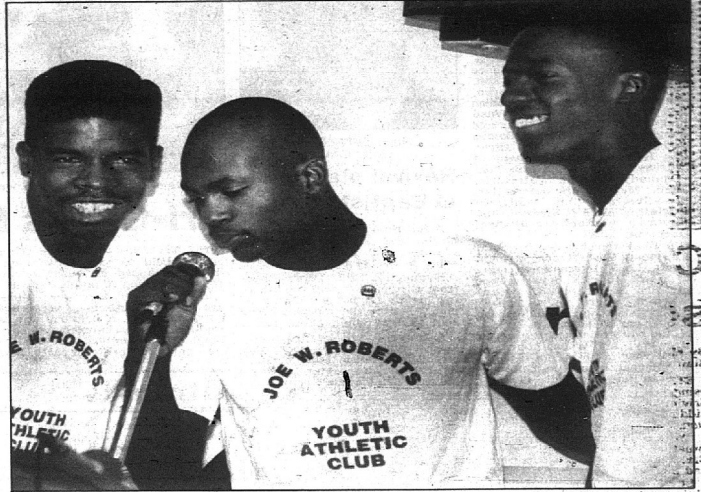
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United Way kicks off record campaign



THE LEADERSHIP of the 1989 fall campaign of the Tri-Cities Area United Way listens to Drew Karandjeff, at podium, general campaign chairman. From left are Richard Kearns, Division D — industry; Carol Squires, Division C — governments, schools, organizations and private donors; Eric Robertson, Division B — professionals; and Bill Terrell, Division A — business and commercial. The goal for the annual drive is \$301,000. At right, three members of the Joe Roberts Youth Athletic Club, a United Way-funded agency, rap a "thank you" to the volunteers gathered at the kickoff breakfast Thursday. From left are Gerald Hughes, Andre Mays and Antonio Smith. They also are members of the Madison Ducks, a baseball team that advanced to the Amateur Athletic Union national championships at Frankfort, Ky., in July. A series of features on United Way agencies will begin in the Sept. 17 issue of the *Sunday Granite City Press-Record/Journal*.

Staff photos by Patrick Foley



Briefly

Pinochle tourney to open

A pinochle tournament will be held for six weeks at Senior Citizens Services Inc. 1003 N. Main St., Edwardsville. The tourney will begin Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. Fee for the entire six weeks is \$1.50. Interested seniors may sign up by calling 656-0900.

Breastfeeding class here

The Obstetrics Department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, is offering a class titled Breastfeeding Your Baby as a community service for expectant or new parents who have chosen breastfeeding for their baby. The class will meet Sept. 11, from 8:30-9 p.m.

The class will meet in the Prenatal Classroom on the second floor of the Going Strong Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa St. For more information call 798-3040.

Bereavement meeting set

Open to all bereaved in the community, the People Needing People Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Hospice of Madison County, will meet Sept. 12, from 7-9 p.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Safety, health conference set

The Madison County Occupant Protection Program will be offering a Corporate Health and Safety Conference Sept. 20 at the Alton Holiday Inn, 3800 Homer Adams Parkway.

The program is made available through the office of the Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools and Piasa Health Care.

The cost for each person attending is \$10. Checks may be made payable to Piasa Health Care, 1 E. Ferguson, Wood River 62095. For more information, call Lisa Wood at 254-7400. The deadline for registration is Sept. 11.

'Free to good home' ad may lead to laboratory

Stealing is not the only way pets end up in a laboratory, according to the Madison County Humane Society. Often times people answering the free-to-good home want ads have no intention of providing a home, only making a profit from your pet by selling it with others to research facilities.

To prevent this from happening, make sure you:

- Charge a small fee for your pet. Many such people will not buy an animal.
- Screen the individuals interested in your pet thoroughly. Take down their license plate number and ask where they live.
- Ask them to produce their driver's license and make sure the correct address is the one they gave you. If they refuse to let you see their driver's license, don't give them your dog or cat.

• Ask for a veterinary reference.

• Ask them if you can stop in to visit the pet in its new home. If they say no, do not give them your animal.

• Deliver the pet to its new home. If you are uncertain, stop



in and talk to a neighbor.

• Never give away a whole litter to one individual.

• If anyone acts suspiciously, take down their license plate number and call the Madison County Humane Society at 656-4405.

The society says that another consideration in pet placement is screening individuals who may use black and white cats in occult rituals. Make sure you ask for a veterinary reference when placing either black or white cats.

Surplus food will be given

Officials in Nameoki, Chouteau and Venice townships and at the Salvation Army have announced that surplus government commodities will be distributed this month.

Commodities will include corn meal, butter, flour, peanut butter, canned pork, vegetarian beans, egg mix, raisins and honey. Corn meal and flour are in short supply.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis by ticket number received at the door.

Chouteau Township will give out commodities for its residents starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

The Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., will conduct its distribution of surplus food to Granite City Township residents Wednesday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 a.m.

Venice Township will give out commodities at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison. Township officials said commodities will be given only at the hall and recipients must present a signed affidavit

before receiving the commodities.

Nameoki Township will give out commodities on Wednesday, Sept. 20, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Nameoki Township building, 4250 Illinois 162.

To be eligible to receive commodities, persons must be the head of a household or the spouse, have their Social Security number, and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the guidelines.

Recipients are to bring some proof of residency other than a driver's license or voter registration card.

An unpaid utility bill, a property tax statement, a current rent receipt with the address on a public aid card or medical card is adequate, officials said.

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Family gathers

The Cannady family reunion was held at the Tom and Sue (Cannady) Bryarly residence over the Labor Day weekend. Those attending were: daughter Patricia Bryarly, her fiancé Ken Gibbs of Woodriver; son, Patrick Bryarly, wife Karen; sons Matthew, Michael, Nicholas and John of Granite City; Vase and Mary (Cannady) Mihu and daughter Mary Catherine Samra and son Dustin of Mount Olive, Ill.; Bill and Carol Cannady of Murray, Ky.; James and Toni (Cannady) Hardin, Waterlilet, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin Jr. and Jon Cody of Euclaire, Mich.; Vincent and Barbara (Cannady) Brown, Buchanan, Mich.

Activities included a night at Fairmount Race Track; a night at St. Louis International Drag 16 watch Patrick Bryarly race his Pro Street (454 Chevrette) machine where he was E.T. Class runner up; a sightseeing trip by car of downtown St. Louis, the waterfront and Budweiser Brewery; and a two-hour airplane view of all the local points of interest from the Gateway Arch to Pere Marquette Park.



Rev. Terry Rhye ... visits Granite

Revival planned at Baptist church

A fall revival is being planned at the West 22nd Street Baptist Church, 2800 W. 22nd St. for Sept. 10-15, 7-30 nightly.

Evangelist Rev. Terry Rhye from Girdler, Ky. will be speaking nightly. A potluck dinner is planned after the morning worship services Sunday, Sept. 10.

A nursery will be provided. Special music will be under the direction of Music Director Hollis Bruce. The pastor is Rev. Maurice Caudill.



An arts and crafts class, left, was among activities for members of the group, many of which are shown here.

Tri-Cities Handicapped camp concludes

The Tri-Cities Association for the Handicapped held its yearly two-week camp for the handicapped in Wilson Park from July 17-28, averaging 70 people daily.

The camper's days were filled with arts and crafts, swimming, sports, square dancing and singing. A field trip was taken to the Highland Fair, courtesy of the Highland Knights of Columbus. Also held were a popcorn party, watermelon party, bowling and a

noon-time cookout.

Kay Hahne, camp director, said a number of persons and groups were responsible for coordinating the camp, including: Tri-Cities Association for the Handicapped, the sponsor; Wilson Park Board for allowing use of the park, swimming pool and lifeguard and arts and crafts; Director Rose Bauer and Assistant Irene Coyle, for the field trip; United Way for copy work; McDonald's and

Hardee's for donations; Township Supervisor Nelson Hagmann for the use of the Granite City Township Hall for the annual potluck dinner at the close of camp; the Alley Cats for the music that ended camp; Sue Whit Palmer, assistant director and square dance teacher; Sandra Hahne, assistant; Joe Bucks, sports director; Rita Brawley, bus driver; parents; and counselors.



EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 initiated into membership the following (front row, from left): Helen Free, Chelle Simpson, Mary Pat Young and Jennifer Gaumer. Back row: Christine Hornberger, Glenda Smith, Flo Stokes, Auxiliary president, Linda Hughes and Elizabeth White.

Auxiliary donates to trail

At the regular meeting of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 it was voted to donate \$50 toward the Granite City Park District Fitness Trail which is to be erected around Wilson Park.

The meeting was opened by President Flo Stokes and with Conductor Angie Buehler presenting the flag, the Bible and the emblem of the home. Chaplain Helen Lipchik gave the opening prayer and Secretary Vincine Zerian read the minutes of the previous meeting.

An initiation ceremony was held for eight new candidates for membership which included: Helen Free, Chelle Simpson, Mary Pat Young, Jennifer Gaumer, Christine Hornberger, Glenda Smith, Linda Hughes and Elizabeth White. The ceremony was conducted by President Stokes; Junior Past President Susie Oliver; Vice President Ruth Jorgensen; Chaplain Helen Lipchik; and Conductor Angie

Buehler. Buehler and Lipchik are members of the Eagles Auxiliary champion state ritual team.

Applications for six new candidates for membership and one re-enrollment were read, and investigating Chairman Florence "Fuzz" Hagmann reported favorably on four candidates.

The conductor escorted Catherine Kostoff to the altar where she was installed as treasurer for the remainder of the 1989-90 year by installing President Hagmann. Kostoff was presented with her badge of office.

Attendance prizes were awarded to Alda Yurko and Susie Aliperti.

Games were played and those excelling were Dee Klesh, Kostoff, Simpson and Elizabeth White. Refreshments were served by hostesses Kathy Benda, Joanna Spencer and Billie Schuler.

Births

Births recorded at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, include:

BOYS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Barbara) Cross, Aug. 28, Granite City.

Births recorded at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, St. Louis:

BOYS

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McElroy of Granite City, Justin Wayne, 8 pounds 10 ounces at birth Aug. 29, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Davis Sr. of Venice, Ervin Lewis Jr., 5 pounds 14 ounces at birth Aug. 31, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blake of Granite City, Cory James, 6 pounds 10 ounces at birth Sept. 1, 1989.

GIRLS

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Smiddy of Granite City, Karree Marie, 9 pounds 6 ounces at birth Aug. 29, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hill of Madison, Renesha Anglen, 7 pounds 10 ounces at birth Aug. 30, 1989.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahmad Sadaad of Granite City, Nadia Melissa, 7 pounds 6 ounces at birth Sept. 3, 1989.

Third child for Harris family

Gary and Kathleen Harris of Granite City are announcing the birth of a son, Trey, born on Aug. 17 at Jewish Hospital. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 13½ ounces. Elder brothers are Craig, 7, and Chad, 20 months.

Michael Menendez' name child Marisa

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. (Karen) Menendez of Granite City are announcing the birth of their first child, a daughter, born July 14 at 7:59 a.m. at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis.

The infant has been named Marisa Elizabeth. She weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces and was 17½ inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Joseph Lattimore of Granite City and the late Lucille Lattimore. The paternal grandparents are Ruth Lattimore of Granite City.

Art and Carolyn Menendez of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Lange family has its second child

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Kelly Hargrave) Lange are announcing the birth of their second child, a son, born Aug. 11 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. The infant, named Steven Wesley, weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21½ inches long. He has a sister, Julie Nichole, 3.

Paternal grandparents are Ruth and the late Arthur Lange and the maternal grandparents are Wesley and Barbara Hargrave, all of Granite City.

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McElroys announce their second child

Marshall and Debbie McElroy of Granite City are announcing the birth of their second son, born Aug. 29 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. The infant was named Justin Wayne and weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has an older brother, Zachary Lee.

Grandparents are Ruth Henson of Granite City and the late Ora Henson and Harvel C. McElroy and the late Sybil McElroy, also of Granite City.

Duseks become first-time parents

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. (Joyce) Dusek of Collinsville are announcing the birth of their first child, a son. The infant, named Gerald Lee Dusek, weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces. He was born Sept. 2 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton.

Maternal grandparents are Calvin and Mary Ann Mayes of Caseyville and paternal grandparents are Brenda and Norwood Dusek of Collinsville and the late Gerald Lee Dusek.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Searle of Granite City and Grover and Margaret Norwood of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City.

Mrs. Dusek is the former Joyce M. Mayes.

Smiths announce their third son

Mr. and Mrs. Steven (Patricia) Smith of Granite City are announcing the birth of their third son, born Aug. 30 at Oliver C. Anderson Hospital in Maryville. The infant was named Brett Charles Smith. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

The Smith's other children are Bradley, 6, and Bryan, 4. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith of Bellalto and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Schiller of Collinsville.

Gravilles have second child

Gary and Joanna Graville of Granite City are announcing the birth of their second son, born Aug. 3 at Jewish Hospital.

The infant was named Kyle Anthony, and he weighed 5 pounds 1 ounce. He has an older brother, Shaw, Thomas, 7. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waller and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Graville all of Madison.

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Educators cool to teacher licensing

By Dave Miles

A business career does not assure success as a high school teacher, area educators say. Successful teachers need more than knowledge of a specific subject, said William Ahlbrand, assistant dean of the SIUE School of Education; they must be disciplinarians, counselors, social workers and psychologists in the course of a normal school day.

Those factors were overlooked by a plan that would allow professional businessmen, chemists, biologists, musicians and others to become licensed school teachers, he said.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced the plan recently.

The plan calls for professionals in 23 fields to be eligible for a national teaching license in lieu of a competency test in their profession might be required, but they would not need college courses in education.

The board is composed of 63 representatives from business, government and education.

The preparation teachers receive in college is vital in the classroom, Ahlbrand said.

"I think a businessman without teaching experience would find it impossible to handle the day-to-day problems of a teacher," he said. Students majoring in business, chemistry, music and other areas learn to become teachers by taking classes in education, he said.

"Education courses provide methods of instruction, test preparation and assessment, communication and discipline," Ahlbrand said. "Teachers learn to recognize physical abuse, drug abuse, emotional disorders and learning problems among their students."

The Illinois State Board of Education requires coursework in all these areas for a teaching license, said Barry Weiss, manager of Illinois' teacher certification and placement division.

"I don't know how a person from a non-educational background could deal with a child with an emotional, behavioral or learning disability," Weiss said. "Recognizing students with those

problems is an important part of teaching," he said.

Illinois has a good supply of teaching talent, Weiss said. "If the intent of the National Board was to provide more teachers, it missed its mark in Illinois. The number of students entering teaching is increasing. We have two to three times the number of bright math and science students who want to become teachers than we did three years ago," Weiss said.

The national board also recommended a voluntary national license for teachers. Teachers would have to have a bachelor's degree and three years of experience to apply for the license. They also would have to pass a competency test.

"A voluntary national license would be helpful in assessing our own licensing requirements," Weiss said.

Ahlbrand said a national set of standards would bring order to the teaching profession, but he doubts it will ever happen. "Not every state would agree to the same set of standards," he said.

Middle income families helped by new education legislation

Gov. James R. Thompson has signed a package of legislation to assist families in saving for their children's college education and to expand the availability of low-interest loans to help families finance college costs.

The legislative package was proposed by Thompson in his 1989 State of the State address and takes two important steps toward achieving the goal of making college accessible to anyone with the intellectual

ability and motivation.

"First, the state now will work in a partnership with the private sector to instruct families on the importance of beginning early to save and invest in their children's education. The Illinois Opportunity Scholarship Program will help our families make systematic investments with an eye toward future college needs."

"Second, the new loan program will help those families

with children already enrolled in college or about to enroll but with too little time remaining to begin the savings process. Financial aid programs already exist for many families with low incomes, but the new program will be aimed at middle-income families, including many attempting to send more than one child to college at the same time and with little or no help from the government."

Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice.
Tuesday - Meat loaf, whipped potatoes with gravy, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat balls, buttered vegetable, fresh fruit.

Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish plate, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fruit cup.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Cheeseburger, french fries, peas.

Tuesday - Meat loaf, whipped potatoes and gravy, peaches.

Wednesday - Ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, grapes.

Thursday - Turkey and noodles, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, slaw, fruit cup.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Chicken patty, sweet potatoes, buttered spinach.

Tuesday - Barbecued pork on bun, potato rounds, green beans, cake.

Wednesday - Cheese pups, french fries, jello.

Thursday - Hobo sandwich, peas and carrots, brownies.

Friday - Fish fillet, spaghetti, pickles and onions.

Holy Family

Monday - Ravioli with meat sauce, sliced cheese, corn, apple sauce, graham cracker cookie.

Tuesday - Sloppy joe on bun, cheese, later tots, peas, pickles, smicker doodies.

Wednesday - Macaroni wiggle, corn, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, jello.

Thursday - Tacos, cheese, lettuce, green beans, peanut butter bread, lemon pudding.

Friday - Nachos with cheese sauce, peas, slaw, cupcakes.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries, buttered vegetable, jello and fruit.

Tuesday - Tacos, lettuce, cheese, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Wednesday - Macaroni wiggle, buttered vegetable, pudding.

Thursday - Steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetable, peanut butter candy.

Friday - Pizza burger, french fries, buttered vegetable, peach cobbler.

Parkview pupils hunters in search for great books

Parkview School students took part in the Granite City Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "The Great Book Hunt."

Each student contracted to read a certain number of books, with the following students fulfilling their contracts: Nicole Bellman, Kylie Bridges, Ashley Bywater, Crystal Cavins.

Also, Tricia Cavins, Katie Delamano, Jon Paul Dickerson, John Dimitroff, Kellie Evans,

Sherry Freeman, Mitchell Goldenberg, Melissa Hammond, Peggy Hammond.

And, Rachel Hull, Phillip Huniak, Chad Kleindorfer, Jason Koenig, Jeremiah Kovar, Christopher Lemler, Jason Lemler, Christopher Lewis, Jamie Lewis, Nicholas Lewis, Jessica Loftus, Cheyenne Modglin, Scott Frenkel, Mandy Rohay, Dustin Ross, Steven Schroeder, Matt Whitehead and Katie Yates.

Top students listed at McKendree

Three full-time students at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., have been named to the college President's List or Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding academic performance during the fall 1988 term.

They are Julie Ann Pates and Patii Scaturro, both of Granite

City, and Edward L. Cuvier Jr. of Madison.

McKendree College, founded in 1828, is the oldest college in Illinois. In addition to its main campus is in Lebanon, the college operates off-campus centers

in Radcliff and Louisville, Ky., and at Scott Air Force Base, Rend Lake Community College, Lewis and Clark Community College and Kaskaskia College in Illinois.

Marshall PTA holds Open House Tues.

The Marshall School PTA will hold an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1989, from 7-9 p.m.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and tour the school.

Entertainment will be provided by the St. Louis Chapter of the River City Ramblers Dixieland Band of the Young Audiences Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis. Refreshments will be served.

Granite resident gets Texas MBA

"David L. Watkins of Granite City was a candidate for a Master of Business Administration degree from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX, during summer commencement.



CORRECTION: A name was inadvertently omitted from under last Wednesday's photo of new staff members for School District 9 in Granite City. The new staff members shown above are: D. Richard Talley, Betty Nighonossian, Donna Skirball, Connie Balen, Norbert Tate, Daniel McCommis and Connie Paterson.

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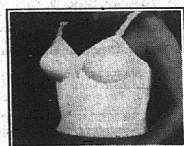
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Reynolds said he had an injury last year and the doctor told him he could work, but not lift more than a certain weight.

"I said 'Doc, are you saying limited duty?' and he said 'yes.' So I told him Warfield wouldn't take me back to work like that," Reynolds said. "... so the doctor told me I didn't have any choice but to stay home."

Mac Warfield had said he just doesn't have enough light jobs to merit taking someone back who can only perform limited duty.

"There's no sense having them hanging around the yard doing nothing, is there?" he asked.

Reynolds said Mac Warfield used to allow light duty. He said he was injured once while he was still "Mac's boy" and had the duty assignment of coming in every day and calling people to ask them to support Mac Warfield in an election.

Lewis said this is an employee now with a call on his hand who wants to return to work.

"He could drive with one hand, or sweep floors or something," Lewis said. "He don't want to sit home. Warfield's making him."

A lot of the workers said they just want to do their job and leave the politics to the elected

officials. As it is, they said, they run from place to place, job to job, based on who is owed a favor.

"I start one job and you're pulled to go somewhere else," one worker said. "I was told one time 'We don't have time for you to do a good job.' What kind of attitude is that?"

Danny Warfield asked the group: "I suppose you can 'Just come in every day and decide what needs to be fixed?'"

Reynolds said everything the department does is tied to politics.

"You may have never voted in your life," Reynolds said. "But as soon as you come through the gates for your first day of work you have to start playing politics."

Another general complaint was the amount of time the department spends on non-street and sewer projects. Brush pick-up, which the department spent more than 300 hours doing in July, was called "completely political." While some weren't against it completely, most said it has too high a priority.

Unstopping private sewers was another project the workers said takes up too much time.

"I've been called out on overtime to unstop a private sewer," Reynolds said. "You know that

was doing someone a favor."

Complaints about the poor condition of the department's equipment led to an impromptu tour of the yard.

All the dump trucks appeared to have outlived their expected lifetimes.

"We've put some floorboards in, you used to be able to see the road through the holes," Lewis said.

"We used to just stick in stop signs under our feet," Reynolds said.

"The exhaust fumes make you sick," Valencia said.

The steps to the cabs of the trucks have all been bent and tilt at crazy angles.

"Sliding off them is a major cause of on-the-job injury," Lewis said.

"And you know how we fix them? We put the hi-lift under them and bend them back," Reynolds said.

The crowd of employees all had equipment failure horror stories.

"It's like you going to work and having a desk with three legs," Reynolds said. "You spend as much time holding it up as working."

"How are you going to be enthusiastic coming to work and facing this?" Lewis said.

Fight

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with the suit against Geil. He also added Madison County as a defendant because the main issue is who owns the street.

"Is it public or private?" he said.

Chouteau Township has maintained the road since 1964 but has never formally accepted the street as a township road, officials have said.

The case has been transferred to Circuit Court in Edwardsville in order to get it settled as quickly as possible, Riley said. He is the presiding judge in an asbestos lawsuit case that starts Monday and which he expects to take up all his time for at least a month.

Madison County Superintendent of Highways David Dietzel will be a defendant on behalf of

the county, and Chouteau Township Road Commissioner Robert Morris will be a defendant on behalf of the township.

The residents' deeds show their property lines ending in the middle of the street.

Gary Stahlich, assistant highway superintendent of Madison County, said that, by state statute, any street used as a public road for more than 15 years becomes a public road.

Lillian Delp, who has lived on St. Thomas Road since 1949 when her father bought the property, said she has lived in the area, said she remembers when Walter Borgstedt, now deceased, sold the road to her and built Cote Brilliante.

"He told my husband and me that it was a private road and

would be maintained by the residents," Delp said.

Chouteau Township Supervisor Morris Miles said his sympathies are with the residents but that the township's attorney had advised letting a court decide who owns the street.

"If a judge says it's private, we won't fight to keep it," Miles said.

Some of the 15 residents who attended Thursday's hearing were upset at Judge Riley's hearing attorney's arguments in his chambers rather than in open court.

Riley said the hearing dealt with "procedural matters" only and "nothing of substance."

He said holding open court was "not customary in these kinds of circumstances."

Naked

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about 1 a.m. Friday, Knight said. The normal closing hour is 2 a.m.

The tavern was allowed to reopen late Friday morning, according to City Attorney Mark Goldenberg, pending a hearing before Mayor Von Dec Crusie, his role as liquor commissioner. Crusie was out of town Friday.

Goldenberg said the reopening issue is keeping the mayor's past practice of letting first-time offenders reopen pending the hearing and then deciding after the hearing if further sanctions should be ordered.

Goforth and the six women posted \$52 bail each and were released, pending court hearings.

"We are trying to send them a message. We don't want it here," Knight said after the

raid.

The activities were alleged to be in violation of an ordinance enacted in 1983. That measure defines, in part, lewd conduct as any demonstration or dance in which the person performing fails to cover all or a portion of specific areas of the body.

Music accompanying the exhibition was being provided by a disc jockey, the chief said. Two other top officers in the department accompanied Knight on the raid.

Undercover agents from another area law enforcement agency were at the tavern at the request of Knight, who had received a complaint about the activity, he said. Knight asked that the other department not be identified at this time.

Extra 4th grade class in Venice

By Meg Tebo Staff writer

VENICE — The fourth-grade class will be split into two classrooms beginning Monday, it was decided at a special meeting Thursday evening of the Board of Education.

The move was prompted by a higher enrollment in the fourth grade than the district had anticipated, causing the present fourth grade at Venice Elementary School to have more than 40 students in one classroom.

While school authorities declined to speculate on the cause, many generally believe that closing of St. Mary-St. Mark Catholic School at the end of last school year is the predominant reason for the extra fourth-graders.

No other grade levels need adjustments, school officials said.

Beginning Monday, a substitute teacher will teach some of the students in a separate classroom until an additional permanent fourth-grade teacher can be hired.

The board will discuss the appointment of a new teacher for the fourth grade at the next regular meeting Sept. 14.

Obituaries

Romann

Robert E. Romann, 65, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at his home at 6 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 1989. He had been in ill health.

He was born Nov. 24, 1923, in Granite City and was the former co-owner of Eck and Bob's Standard Service Station in Granite City. He retired in 1979, as an employee of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

A life member of VFW Post 1300, he served in the Army in World War II and was a member of the Golden Acre 87th U.S. Army Division Association and Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville.

Preceding him in death was his mother, Luella R. (Jansen) Romann.

Survivors include his father, Eckhardt Romann of Edwardsville; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Beth) Jennings of Edwardsville; one brother, Lynn R. Romann of Edwardsville; one sister, Mrs. Jack (Jeanne) Scarborough of Collinsville; and two grandsons.

Visitation was held Friday at Mater Funeral Home, Edwardsville, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Burial was conducted Saturday by the Rev. Wesley W. Bornemann. Burial was at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Edwardsville. The family suggests memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Deppe

Walter C. Deppe, 64, of Granite City, formerly of Edwardsville, died at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1989, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill for two days.

Mr. Deppe was born in Edwardsville and resided in Granite City for 17 years. He worked at Granite City Steel for 31 years as a hod carrier.

He was an Army veteran and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his aunt, Florence Ross of Smithton, Ill.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3839 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Funeral services will be conducted there Monday at 10 a.m. by the Rev. Wayne Musatics. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Tate

Emma Jean Tate, 64, formerly of Brooklyn, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1989, in the Kaiser Hospital, Richmond, Calif.

Mrs. Tate was born Aug. 3, 1925, in Duncan, Miss., and for the past 13 years was employed at the Bayside Convalescent Hospital in Kentfield, Calif. She was a member of the Alter Years Social Club. She was also a member of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Berkeley, Calif.

She is survived by her mother, L.T. Crowder of Brooklyn; two sisters, Doris Middleton of Omaha, Neb., and Ruby Crowder and Eugene Johnson, both of Brooklyn; two brothers, Jack Crowder of Chicago and Ivory Crowder of East St. Louis; one daughter, Shirley Lewis of Richmond; one son, Michael Gains of Richmond; one stepson, Harold Henderson of Missouri City, Texas; and two stepdaughters, Renee Jones of Richmond and Rommie Tate of Stockton, Calif.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2 at the Officer Funeral Home Chapel, East St. Louis, with Elder William Adams officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Fischer

Louis Fischer, 73, of Lodi, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1989.

Mr. Fischer had attended local schools. A World War II veteran, he resided in Granite City until 1954.

On June 6 he and his wife, the former Zora Milosevich, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Steven, Louis, Charles and Edward; one daughter, Mrs. Otto Fischer of Granite City; one sister, Margaret Banjak of St. Charles, Mo.; one grandchild, and two great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held Friday in Lodi.

Trobaugh

Mary M. (Robinson) Trobaugh, 73, of Kennett, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 1989, in Germantown, Tenn. She had been ill for three years.

Born June 21, 1916, in Holcomb, Mo., she had resided in Granite City for 23 years. For 20 years she worked as a civil service employee and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, James W. Trobaugh; three daughters, Beverly Topal Birk of Granite City, Patsy Moore of Kennett and Mary Robinson of Boston; one brother, James Robinson of St. Louis; one sister, Pauline Trout of Kennett; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3 in Kennett, with burial at Memorial Gardens in Kennett.

Armed man robs Zipp's

GRANITE CITY — An investigation is continuing into an armed robbery occurring at 2 a.m. Saturday at Zipp's, 2222 Madison Ave. An undetermined amount of cash was stolen.

Lester Sykes of St. Louis, an employee, reported being held up by an armed man and forced to reopen the restaurant shortly after closing the business for the night.

Sykes said he had locked the door when he saw a man walking toward him from the alley, near a fence and south of the side of the parking lot. The robber held a weapon covered by a handkerchief.

The employee was forced to

unlock the door and open a safe, he said.

Sykes got several money bags from the safe and was told by the robber to open the bags. The man took the money and walked out of the door while continuing to point the weapon at Sykes, the victim said.

Police officers were at the scene within one minute of being alerted, a report said. A search of the area failed to locate the suspect.

The gunman had sandy-colored hair, was about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed between 180 and 190 pounds. He was wearing a purple/burgundy shirt and black jeans.

Madison schools will resume regular hours

MADISON — Schools in District 12 will return to their regular class hours on Monday, Sept. 11.

Madison High School students will attend from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Middle school, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and grade schools, 8:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

"The weather report for the next several weeks indicates a cooling pattern, so I think it's appropriate to return to regular hours," said Dan Kostencki, superintendent of schools.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Tri-City Regional Port District, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, District Office, 2801 Rock Road.

Nameki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, Township Office, 4250 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, Township Office, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

Granite City School Board, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, Board Office, 20th and Adams streets.

Pontoon Beach Village Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, Village Hall, 3901 Illinois 111.

Mitchell Public Water District, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, District Office, 745 E. Chain of Rocks Road.

Venice Township, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, Township Office, 1502 Fifth St., Madison.

Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.

Venice School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, Board Office, Broadway and Seventh Street, Venice.

Ballot

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Dewey Melton and Mark J. Eavenson, in that order.

In the unincorporated section of the Granite City ballot, the name of Debbie Holt Wilkerson will appear first, followed by Louis "Cookie" Zeffoff and Pete Novacek. Barbara Wyatt has withdrawn from the race.

In Madison, the order of the names on the ballot is: Billie J. Bosworth, John W. Hamm III, James "Eddie" Newsome and Doyle Ankrom. The four are unopposed.

In Venice, the name of Alvester Salmond is first, followed by Kirk Gardner, Phillip White Sr., George Wade Sr. and Ruby Johnson. In that order, Alice Jackson has withdrawn from the Venice ballot. Four are to be elected.

In each district, terms are four years.

Three other board members in each district are at the midpoint of their four-year terms.

Almost one in four adult Americans has high blood pressure, according to the American Heart Association.

McDonald's to break ground Wednesday

By Valerie Evenden Staff writer

PONTON BEACH — Ground-breaking ceremonies for the area's newest McDonald's Restaurant will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the construction site on Illinois 111 at Engineer Road.

"Here we come," Diane Glaus of McDonald's marketing division, St. Louis, said Friday. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of December, she said.

Representatives from

McDonald's headquarters and the Pontoon Beach Board of Trustees will participate in the ceremonies.

Village officers and McDonald officials concluded leasing agreements and other business arrangements Friday morning. Village Clerk Mary Warren said.

The worldwide restaurant chain will lease property owned by the village on which to construct and operate the new restaurant.

The building is located next to the proposed Omni Bank of Pontoon Beach.

Council of Seniors planning pinochle

The Granite City Council of Seniors will have an afternoon of pinochle and games at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available but there will be no transportation service.

Doors will open at 1 p.m. and games will start at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available but there will be no transportation service.

Lottery

Results of the Illinois State Lottery were:

Thursday, Sept. 7: 629

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Another shutout

JVB, Robertson score early to blank Kahoks.

By Jim Woodcock
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE — Two seasons ago, Gene Baker talked about John Van Buskirk in the same tones Collinsville coach Ron Rowden today describes Mike Bolandis.

Van Buskirk is now a senior, and he's more than fulfilling the promise he showed as a sophomore in 1987 when the Warriors won the state championship. Bolandis is a sophomore goalkeeper for the Kahoks, and Thursday he offered glimpses of great potential, especially in the second half.

However, Bolandis showed in the Warriors' 2-0 win which upped their record to 3-0 that he's also a bit green.

Van Buskirk, who's now a clever veteran, took advantage of it. The senior co-captain and Jay Robertson scored early against Bolandis, who had trouble away from the net but was steady otherwise in a match that was rather calm by Collinsville-Granite City standards.

"The second goal was definitely inexperience, but he's young," Rowden said of Bolandis. "I'll tell you what, he made some nice saves out here tonight. He's going to be a good one."

Van Buskirk, meanwhile, has become a good — if not great — one. His bending shot off an indirect kick only 1:58 into the match fooled the Kahoks' wall of defenders and froze Bolandis, who was beaten on the near side.

The goal was far more to Van

Buskirk's credit than it was any one's fault in a Kahok uniform. However, the indirect kick resulted after Bolandis and a Kahok defender failed to communicate on a ball dumped into the CHS zone. The Kahoks had to foul the Warriors seconds later, and Van Buskirk had his opportunity, which he converted for his first goal of the year.

"Coach Baker has this play where we stand over the ball and hit it more inside the wall,

where the wall won't be quite as effective," said Van Buskirk, who was assisted on the indirect kick by Sean Bain. "It kind of bent around and didn't have much room at all to get in. I did see it go in."

It was a short-post goal which wasn't to be scored," Baker said. "It takes a little more skill to slip those in, which John can do. He's a big-time player."

The Warriors wouldn't need another goal, but they got one at 17:10 of the same quarter when Bolandis failed to hug the ball as he and Robertson raced for it about 25 feet from the net. Robertson gained possession and outduelled two Kahok defenders

Warriors, New Trier play scoreless tie

Everything was dead even after the first day of the four-team round robin New Trier Soccer Tournament on Friday.

The Warriors remained unbeaten and unscored upon, but couldn't find the net themselves as they played to a scoreless tie with New Trier. It was the fourth straight shutout for Granite City, which was 3-0-1 heading into Saturday.

Defending state champion Buffalo Grove and Maine South battled to a 3-3 tie earlier in the day, so everything was even going into Saturday's action.

The Warriors were to play Maine South in the morning and Buffalo Grove in the evening. Details will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

before tapping it in on the doorstep for his third goal of the year.

Baker said Bolandis may have misjudged Robertson's speed when he decided to venture from the crease.

"He's awfully fast and he breaks through," Baker said of Robertson. "The ball was legitimately loose, and then he beats him again. He beat the keeper on the turn. He's been having a pretty good year for us, and he's still pretty raw."

The Kahoks later had several quality scoring opportunities, but they either misfired or were turned away by goalkeeper Brent Broshaw, who picked up his third shutout in as many games. The Kahoks then received a blow in the third quarter when high-scoring Scott Siegel collided at midfield with Jerry Robertson.

Both left the match, and Siegel was taken to the hospital for stitches in his scalp.

"Our finishing was not there and concentrating on shots. We had about five but we just missed hitting them, and you have to put those on goal," Rowden said. "You've got to strike a ball hard and we were shanking them."

"As far as play, we worked some combinations in the middle, that looked nice. But our problem was when we would get it to our forwards they wanted to play it on and flick it in the air. Well, you can't beat this team like that because they chase so much and it gives them time to react."

NOTES: The Warriors lead the Southwest Conference with a 2-0 record while the Kahoks fell to 1-1 in the league and 3-2 overall. The two teams will meet again Sept. 26 in Granite City. Collinsville is at Alton on Tuesday. After the New Trier Tournament this weekend, the Warriors host Belleville East (0-4) on Tuesday (JV at 5:30, varsity at 7:30). The junior varsity game Thursday ended in a 2-2 draw.



(Staff photo by Dave Whaley) **MATT COOK** has helped anchor the stingy Warrior defense this year and also scored a game-winning goal.

Mistakes kill Trojans in loss at Columbia

By Mike Kelly
Correspondent

COLUMBIA — Critical mistakes will cost you dearly in a close game.

A pair of crucial errors in the second quarter allowed Columbia to knock off Madison 2-0 on Friday. The Trojans are now 0-2 while Columbia evened its mark at 1-1.

Madison, which led for the first time this season, saw its hopes of victory go up in smoke. Mental mistakes that could have been avoided played a key role in the loss. Leading 3-0 midway through the second period, the Trojans self-destructed. A high snap from center on a punt and a roughing the passer penalty handed Columbia two scoring opportunities.

The first chance came on a fourth and 18 play from the Madison 30. Center Warren Koenig's snap to Demarco Cason was high, but was fielded cleanly. With the rush non-existent, Cason had time to kick the ball. Instead he elected to run and was tackled at his own 34.

From there Columbia punched it in five plays later, taking the lead for good. Scott Germain, who rambled for 130 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns, scored on a one-yard run.

The second scoring opportunity came only moments later. Faced with third and 10 at their own 46, the Eagles tried to set up a screen pass. Quarterback Jeff Prossie threw to Germain, who caught the ball but was dropped for a one-yard loss. Unfortunately, the official also dropped a flag as Prossie was clobbered with a late hit.

Instead of facing a punting situation, Columbia had a first down at the Madison 40. Rubbing salt into the wound, Prossie hooked up with Craig Inman on a 26-yard fourth-down touchdown pass to put the final nail in the coffin.

"We just can't play consistently for a long period of time," said Madison coach Don Smith. "We made too many mental mistakes. The real killer was that high snap on the punt."

"Cason could have and should have kicked the ball away. But he tried to be a hero and put our backs against the wall. It was the dumbest thing I've ever seen on a football field. If he ever does anything like that again, he'll never play fullback for me anymore."

Things actually got off to a good start for the Trojans. An impressive 64-yard scoring drive on the first possession gave Madison a short-lived 8-0 lead.

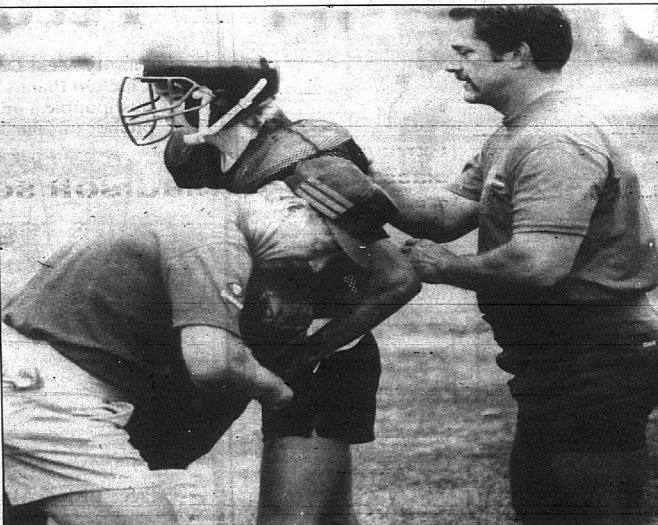
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Paris Johnson capped off the drive with an 18-yard run. Cason kept the drive alive, scampering 12 yards for a first down on a fake punt.

"That opening drive was real impressive," said Smith. "We executed our game plan perfectly and simply ran the ball down their throats."

"Their first score was set up by our mistake," said Columbia coach Jerry Germain. "We didn't cover the end on the fake punt. Madison has good outside speed and took advantage of it."

But the Trojans quickly wilted as Columbia took the ensuing kickoff and marched 80 yards in 13 plays to get right back in the game.



(Staff photo by Dave Whaley) **PRACTICE, PRACTICE:** Warrior assistant coach Bob Stegengraber demonstrates a blocking drill to Granite City players. Granite City got an extra day of practice Friday due to Quincy's forfeit. The Warriors were to play Roosevelt at Soldan High School in St. Louis on Saturday in a practice game.

After that opening drive we just kept playing football," said Smith. "Instead of shutting them down, we let them right back into the contest. I really have to question our toughness, especially on defense."

"A lot of these guys want to come out of the game if they get

nicked or bruised. They seem to tire easily, and then they get scared. We've got to toughen up mentally. Maybe that'll change as the season goes on."

An encouraging sign for Madison was the return of tackle Greg Voloski. Expected to be out of the lineup for an indefinite period of time, the junior got

clearance from his doctor, suited up and played sparingly on defense.

"It's good to see Greg back," said Smith. "He wasn't 100 percent, but he showed a lot of character coming out here tonight. He'll help us on the line. Greg has the size to be a dominant factor in a game."

Golfers, spikers continue to struggle

Russ Chappell didn't know how good his golf team would be when the season started. He's beginning to learn some things, and it's not what he hoped.

The Warriors shot 165 Thursday on the front nine at Arlington, finishing third in a three-team field that included Edwardsville (151) and Althoff (162).

"Golf is a very mental game and that's one thing which is giving us trouble now," said Chappell. "We have one guy in particular who just thinks too much."

Chad Lane was again the only Granite City player to shoot under 40 with a 38. Scott Harrison was next at 41. Bill McCormick shot a 42 while Brett Sutphin and Dean Sheikh both shot

44. Edwardsville had three players break 40 on the par 36 course while Althoff had two.

"Chad has done well so far, but most of the others have struggled," Chappell said. "Right now, I would say we will have problems finishing in the top five of the scramble."

The Warriors (5-4) hosted the team Granite City scramble on Saturday at Arlington.

Volleyball The Lady Warriors dropped their second match in as many outings on Friday at O'Fallon. O'Fallon raised its record to

3-6 with a three-game victory over Granite City. The Panthers won the first game 15-5 and the final game 15-9. Although the Lady Warriors, who were routed in two straight games by Edwardsville in the season opener Wednesday, won the middle game 18-16.

Granite City is at Belleville East on Tuesday and at East St. Louis on Thursday.

For more information, call head coach Gene Briggs at 876-4719 or assistant coach Mike Schmalz at 312-291-8755.

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MIDGET II CHAMPS: The Rookies, sponsored by United Steel Workers Local 16 and Air Products, won the Granite City Park District Midget II league and playoff championship this year. They also won the Elks Invitational tournament. Team members include, front row left to right, Mike Wielgus, Joe Zellerman, Mark Becker, Brian Goff, Donald Harris and Mark Winfield; back row, Ryan Shelton, coach Don Harris, Chris Kutt, Ryan Robertson, coach Larry Curry, Donnie Cooper, Chad Dooley, Doug Davinroy, Pat Curry, Mike Worthen and coach Bob Zellerman. Not pictured is Ben Asbeken.

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Flag-burning legislation could 'ban' some videos

By Mason Wiley
Correspondent

AIDS, drugs, the homeless—these problems will have to wait until the United States addresses the dangerous threat posed by citizens prone to holding lighters to Old Glory.

But have the politicians in Washington, D.C., actually thought out the ramifications of an amendment banning flag desecration? Namely, what home videos we can see? After all, if it's a crime to desecrate the symbol of our country, won't it also be illegal to witness the act on video?

Will there be big video bonfires?

The curious should rush out today to rent such an incendiary work as writer-director William Richert's political satire "Winter Kills" (1979, Nelson Entertainment, \$69.96). Jeff Bridges plays the kid brother of an assassinated president who investigates the case at his own peril.

Another large flag figure prominently in the climax of Robert Altman's "Nashville" (1975, Paramount, \$79.95), under which a political rally turns into pandemonium caused by an assassin.

Naturally, films from or about the 1960s will be on the amendment-backers' list, because this was the era that polarized flag confagurations, along with love beads and lava lamps.

"The Strawberry Statement," (1970, MGM/UA, \$69.95) based on the 1968 riot at Columbia University (although transferred in the film to a fictional institution in San Francisco) contains a scene in which the National Guard runs through a large flag en route to brutalize student protesters.

This may be your last chance to see "Woodstock" (1970, Warner, \$29.96), as the forces that may consider the flag draped over the tent of the earth-children groovin' to the music a desecration worthy of imprisonment. No doubt footage of Jimi Hendrix's highly original guitar solo on "The Star-Spangled Banner" will rattle President George Bush's forces, but then, that will take another amendment to enshrine the national anthem.

Milos Forman's adaptation of "Hair" (1979, MGM/UA, \$19.95) shows a hippie gambling in Central Park, waving a flag that has a peace sign where the 50 stars should be. Add this video to the hit-list.

Desecration also can mean wearing the flag disrespectfully, so you might as well scratch "Easy Rider" (1969, RCA/Columbia, \$19.95). As a drug dealer with the heretical moniker of "Captain America," Peter Fon-

da not only wears the stars and stripes on his leather jacket, he's got them on his motorcycle and helmet as well.

On the distasteful side of flag fashion, Raquel Welch sports a sexy showgirl outfit all decked out in red, white and blue in "Myra Breckinridge" (1970, available for rental only). And what she does in it to an all-American male can't be described in a family newspaper.

In one respect, First Lady Barbara Bush has the same problem as Raquel Welch. At January's inaugural opening celebration, she showed up to listen to the singing group Up With People with an American flag scarf around her neck. If you recorded this yourself, better burn the video.

Best Bets:

• "The Wizard of Oz" (1939,

MGM/UA, \$24.95): This gala 50th anniversary version includes excised footage of "The Jitterbug" number (wisely) cut from the original release, where-in Dorothy and friends are attacked by a dancing pest as they approach the wicked witch's castle. There also is footage of the original Tin Man, Buddy Ebsen of "The Beverly Hillsbillies," who had to bow out because he was allergic to the silver-based makeup.

• "Little Dorrit" (1987, Warner, \$79.90, two cassettes): A meticulous, six-hour adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel about a young woman growing up in a debtors' prison in 19th-century London, done as only the British could (or would). Oscar nominations went to director Christine Edzard's screenplay and to Sir Alec Guinness as the heroine's charming but ineffectual father.



IN MYRA BRECKINRIDGE (1970) Raquel Welch created a stir with her patriotic attire.

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Grand opening set for next weekend at Cahokia Mounds

The grand opening of Cahokia Mounds museum and interpretive center is less than three weeks away, and organizers are putting the final touches on a flurry of activities scheduled for Sept. 23-24.

The two-day event will kick off with an observance of the fall equinox at 6:30 a.m. at Woodhenge on Saturday, Sept. 23. Woodhenge is the reconstructed sun calendar at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

But those who prefer to sleep late on Saturdays can catch the rest of the weekend's activities starting at 10 a.m. Just don't count on finding a parking space outside the new museum.

Dr. Margaret Brown, site superintendent, said shuttle buses will transport visitors from two parking areas — the old Grandpa's store and the old Falcon Drive-In Theater — to the museum.

The shuttle buses will also take visitors to Monks

Mound — the largest of the earthen mounds in the site — for hourly site tours.

Portions of the museum have been open to the public since Nov. 1. It is located south of U.S. Business 40 just west of Collinsville.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days, demonstrations and activities will be held just outside the museum and in an area east of the museum.

Some activities have been scheduled at the same time on both days. They include:

- At 10 a.m.: a walking tour led by Dr. William Woods at the interpretive center and a stone game demonstration.
- At 11 a.m.: a walking tour led by Mikels Skele at Monks Mound and a Choctaw dance.
- At noon: a tour led by Dr. Warren Wittry at Woodhenge and Indian storytelling.
- At 1 p.m.: a stickball game demonstration, and a tour led by William Iseninger at the stock.
- At 2 p.m.: a tour led by Dr.

John Kelly at Merrel Tract and the Cahokia dancers.

• At 3 p.m.: storytelling told in the Choctaw Indians native tongue (an interpreter will be provided), and a tour of Mound 72 led by Dr. Melvin Fowler.

Other activities throughout the weekend will include crafts (flintknapping and weaving), games (ring and pin, dice sticks and corn darts), and displays (bone tools, cane baskets and mats, and pottery).

Indian groups will demonstrate and serve Indian food. Traditional food will also be available at the snack bar inside.

Workers putting together the main exhibit area last week.

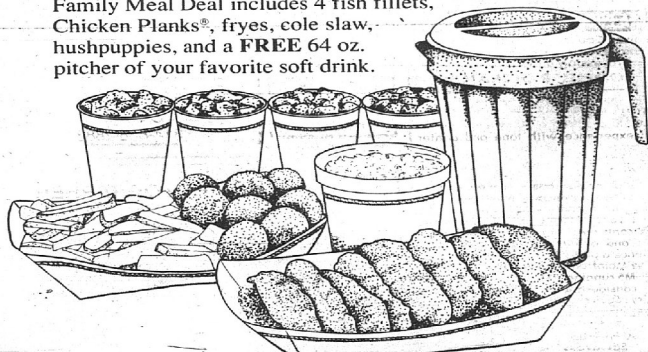
If all goes as scheduled, Brown said everything should be open to the public.

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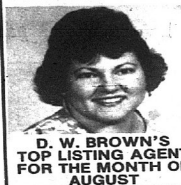
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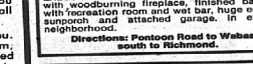
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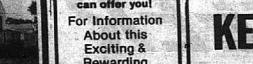
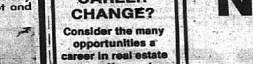
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Insurers want federal earthquake assurance

By Frank Bass
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — Anticipating a devastating earthquake by the turn of the century, the nation's property and casualty insurance industry is putting the federal government the earthquake "insurer of last resort," according to industry sources.

Although the timing of such a catastrophe cannot be predicted with 100 percent accuracy, a massive quake along fault lines near San Andreas, Calif., New Madrid, Mo., Puget Sound, Wash., or Charleston, W.Va., would, according to industry spokesmen, deplete reserves so rapidly that writing new policies could be impossible for several decades. Further, they said, the ensuing chaos could affect every segment of American life.

Everything we do from cradle to grave, is protected, by insurance," said Eugene Lecomte, president of the Boston-based National Committee on Property Insurance. "If you take that insurance away, everything comes to a screeching halt."

"This is a social problem, it isn't just the problem of the insurance industry. It's a side on which I think the insurance industry finds itself ... (with) God and the angels."

The legislation to be proposed would create over several decades, a \$50 billion reserve fund managed by a federal corporation. If the fund has not reached \$50 billion by the time a major earthquake shook the United States, the federal government would

serve as guarantor of the fund to ensure new policies could be written.

The government corporation would then repay the treasury at what it has described as "accelerated" rates.

Although the U.S. Geological Survey has predicted there is a 60 percent chance of a quake along the southern end of the San Andreas Fault measuring between

6.0 and 7.0 on the Richter Scale before the year 2018, insurance officials have also begun to pay attention to other parts of the country.

Experts estimate there is nearly a 100 percent chance of an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter Scale striking the eastern United States before the year 2010.

"History and research have proven that earthquakes are not just a California problem," Robert L. Ketter, director of the Buffalo-based National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, told a Senate panel.

"The eastern and central portions of the United States are not immune."

A vast majority of the insurance industry's reserves, totalling about \$100 billion, currently are invested in long-term municipal bonds. If a major quake occurred, the industry contends it would be necessary to liquidate virtually all its bonds at a substantial discount.

The ensuring chaos on Wall Street, industry analysts contend, could drive the stock and bond markets to their knees.

"If there's anything securities markets can't handle, it's a New York-based

stand," said Barbara Stewart, economist, "it's uncertainty."

Stewart, an expert on the economic ramifications of a major quake, said such a catastrophe could affect virtually every segment of the American economy, from the flow of oil to a city's ability to write bond issues for new projects.

Despite the financial upheaval that would result from a major quake, reinsuring homeowners and other policy holders would be the most difficult task of all, according to spokesmen for the industry.

Since most state laws require \$1 be put into a "reserve" fund for every \$2 or \$3 of a policy's value at maturity, many insurance companies could not write new policies until their reserves were rebuilt.

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\$100 billion reserve fund in the wake of a quake causing \$50 billion in damage. "The industry's fund has averaged a \$2 billion annual growth," he said.

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A second pool, about \$47 billion, would cover losses. The pools would be administered by a federal corporation.

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It may happen here

By Roger McGrath
Staff writer

An earthquake? In the St. Louis area?

Yes. And when the nearby New Madrid fault finally releases the energy that's built up over decades, experts say it will be, in a term popular in California, the Big One.

The last memorable tremor, registering 5.5 on the Richter scale, shook the St. Louis area in November 1968.

From the seismologist's viewpoint, the absence of regular earthquakes relieving the pressure stored along the New Madrid fault, which extends from Cairo, Ill., into northeastern Arkansas, is a warning sign.

"The longer time goes on, the higher probability we'll have an earthquake," said John Theiss, president of Theiss Engineers.

In fact, seismologists estimate there's enough strain along the fault for an earthquake with a Richter magnitude of 6.5 to 7; the Memphis-based Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium estimates there's pent-up energy for a quake of 7.6.

In comparison, the 1906 San Francisco quake registered 8.3. The three infamous New Madrid quakes of December, 1811 to February 1812 have been calculated at 8.3 to 8.7, a release of energy that rang church bells as far away as Boston.

"You're going to have one sooner or later," predicts William Strauder, professor of geophysics at Saint Louis University.

That's why St. Louis city and county, Alton, Ill., and many other municipalities require all new commercial buildings to meet certain earthquake standards.

St. Louis building commissioner Martin Walsh estimates that seismic standards designed into a building before

construction begins, increase a project's final cost about as much as the decision to upgrade the building's carpeting.

One out-of-town architect who had designed a small, \$250,000 retail center went back to the drawing board and returned with an earthquake design that was just \$3,000 more expensive, he said.

Theiss said the added construction can increase the cost of a new office building, apartment complex or hospital "perhaps as much as 1 percent."

"That's a pretty small price," Theiss said. "All earthquake design does is ensure a building does not tip over and fall or pancake collapse," Walsh said. "The goal is to save lives, not buildings."

As a percentage of construction costs, seismic standards can add 6 percent to 7 percent to the bill, said Dick Kutta, director of engineering for HSM Development Corp.

But seismic costs as a percentage of the total project drop to about 1 percent when furnishings, landscaping and other development costs are counted, he said. His company recently completed an Alton nursing home which, because Alton adopted the 1997 BOCA code, had to meet seismic standards.

Hardening an existing building to withstand an earthquake can be cost prohibitive, Walsh said. For a homeowner, it could easily equal the assessed value, about 20 percent of the home's market value.

There's little interest in bringing existing buildings up to the seismic standard because, Walsh says, of the costs and the "can't happen to me" attitude.

It's very hard to get people very excited about earthquakes," he said.

But he and others predict there is an earthquake in St. Louis' future.

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